コッペリオン【COPPELION】

❶遺伝子操作によって生まれた、放射能への抗体を持った子供。
❷その子供たちで組織された、陸上自衛隊第三師団特殊部隊の名称。放射能に汚染された東京での人命救助を任務としている。

[1] Children who were born with genetic manipulation to have antibody against radioactivity.
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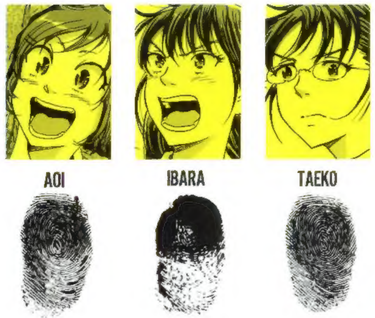

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時は西暦2036年。
東京で救助活動の任を受けたコッペリオンは
謎のステルス爆撃機B-2の急襲を受けた!
かろうじて撃退したものの、B-2爆撃機は
【ZONE一高レベル放射能汚染区域一】へ。
その追跡の末にコッペリオンが目撃したのは、
死都に沈められた闇の世界遺産だった……。

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あらかじめ御了承ください。

That's the Tama Boat Race Lake!
COPPELION
コッペリオン #18
Oh no...!
FWOOM
It will extinguish the fire and they'll escape scot-free!
Rainwater has pooled deeply there!
A lake?!
Stop the jeep!
Dang it...
The Geiger counter!
BEEP
?!
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

SKREEOO
...This is a *danger zone*.

TUMP
I am only a burden here...
I shall return to the base.
The heli-copter'll be here in one more hour.
Sit tight at the base until then!
Okay, we're off!
CLANK CLANK
Bye-bye, Pro-fessor!

Hack... huff...
GLUB GLUB GLUB
Shut up! Anywhere else and we'd've gone up in flames!
You had to crash us *here*, of all places?!
SPLASH!
Shit!
You moron ...!
Crap! Let's get outta here!
DASH
The B-2's shielding was the only thing keeping all this radiation from killing us!
Don't be a fool!
We're exposed to it!
CLAK CLAK
Now we're screwed!

TAMA RIVER
BOAT RACE LAKE
Okay!
This's the place!
SKREE
Yes!
TMP
KCHK
Stick close to me!
Let's go!
SWSH
Stay on your guard ...
They're armed.
WELCOME TO TAMAGAWA
NDJ
CLOP

SHAKE
SHAKE
O-Over there...
!
Ibara...!
!?
We're too late...
SWIP
No...!
GLOP
GLOP
The radiation was too much for them...
They're dead.

Nooo! Not more corpses!
Who on earth were they...?
They were used...
Driven by money...
They musta been mercenaries. I bet they didn't understand how much danger they were in here.
I let more people die...
This was my fault.
Their stealth jet...
... should be beyond here.

There it is!
It hasn't sunk yet...!
GLUB
There's a row-boat.
PLUNK
We'll take that!
TAMAGAWA
WHOOSH
SPLSH
All that running... I'm sooo beat...
Foosh...

?!
Go ahead and take a nap.
Ya did good, Aoi!
I'll getcha some ice cream later, how about that?
Ibara ...!
Some-thing's down there!
What are these ...?!
There're a bunch of yellow canisters ...
What ?!
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Yellow canisters?
GASP
One's floating!
Oh...!
Ibara...
NO33-002
HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE
Let's take a look!
SPLSH
TAMAGAWA
Are they...?
That's the radiation symbol!
Oh, oh! Lookie!
They're...
...containers for high-level radioactive waste.
HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE
Sooo what are they?

After nuclear reactors burn uranium-235 ...

...the remaining nuclear material is recycled into plutonium, and used as fuel again.

R...

Radio-active waste?!

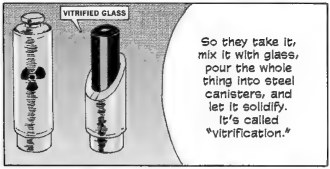
But...

...the stuff left over after they separate out the plutonium is extremely radioactive.

So, this crapload of trash must've come from a nuclear power plant.

GLUP

GLUP

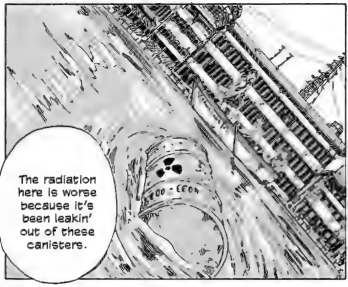


So they take it, mix it with glass, pour the whole thing into steel canisters, and let it solidify. It's called "vitrification."

Like, there's so, sooo much of it...

Why's it all at the bottom of this lake, then?

Trash ...


The radiation here is worse because it's been leakin' out of these canisters.

No wonder this area's a danger zone.
This solves one mystery ...

Wait ...
...and how... would someone bring them here?
But why...

GLUG GLUG
Yes ...!
We'll look inside!

The stealth jet?!

CLANK

...

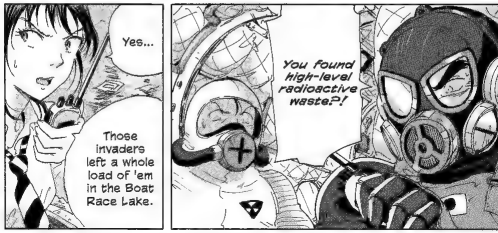
Be careful, Ibara!
You two stay in the boat!

Wh-What about what was in it?

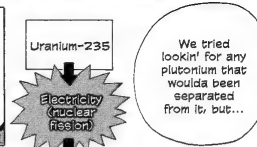
P...NK
Crap... That's what I thought.
There's an empty canister in here!

So someone was flying the canisters here in the jet, and discarding them... instead of disposing of them in a proper facility...

FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
What?!


Yes...
Those invaders left a whole load of 'em in the Boat Race Lake.
You found high-level radioactive waste?!

THERE'S NOTHIN' HERE BUT GAR-BAGE.
...THERE WASN'T ANY.


Uranium-235
Electricity (nuclear fission)
We tried lookin' for any plutonium that woulda been separated from it, but...
Spent nuclear fuel
Recycling
Plutonium
High-level radioactive waste
Mix with uranium (MOX fuel)
Storage in a geological repository (a facility deep underground)
Electricity

Look at this!
We're seein' what else we can find out—
Ibara!

Yellow cake...?!
What?!
YELLOW CAKE
What a weird sticker...
It has a picture of a piece of yellow cake on it.
...there was a company in Japan known as "Yellow Cake." They worked in the back end of nuclear power.
I believe...
D'you know what it is?
BUT WE HAVE NEITHER A MILITARY NOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS. SO IN JAPAN, IT'S PRIVATIZED.
IN OTHER COUNTRIES, NUCLEAR ENERGY IS MANAGED BY THE STATE BECAUSE OF THE NPT—THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY
The back end...?
It means that they took care of spent nuclear fuel and nuclear waste—they were the janitors of the process.

TAKING THOSE CANISTERS OFF OF SOMEONE'S HANDS WOULD PROVE QUITE PROFITABLE.
HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. THERE'S NO SUITABLE PLACE TO GET RID OF IT.

So...
...Yellow Cake brought this stuff here?

Yes.
From overseas, most likely.

Fifteen *hundred* sieverts?!
F-F-F
SWSH

JUST AFTER SOLIDIFICATION, ONE CANISTER OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE WOULD EMIT ABOUT FIFTEEN HUNDRED SIEVERTS OF RADIATION PER HOUR.
ORDINARY HUMANS WOULD ONLY SURVIVE THAT MUCH RADIATION FOR 20 SECONDS.
GUB
NO?!

It's just too high.
So that's why the counter can't provide a reading...

What if they just bury it underground for a few hundred years? No problems then, right?
...as long as there's nuclear power there'll be radioactive waste...
GLUG
2113
But...

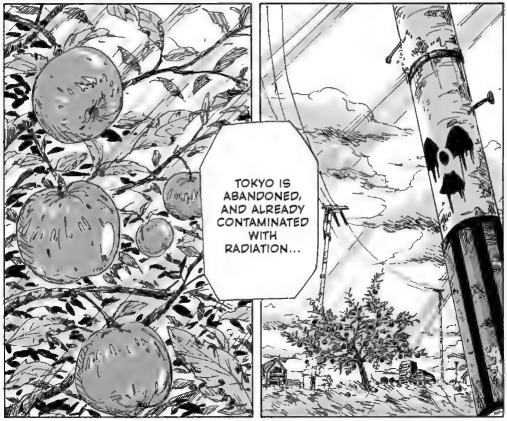
YOU GIRLS SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE.
THAT MOUNTAIN OF WASTE WAS BORN OUT OF HUMANITY'S GREED. IT'S OUR CROSS TO BEAR.

And who is going to continue to monitor it for all those years?

You mean...
A... A dumping ground?

...and they're all desperate to find a dumping ground.
But it's too much for any country...

YES.
TOKYO.
TOKYO
TAMA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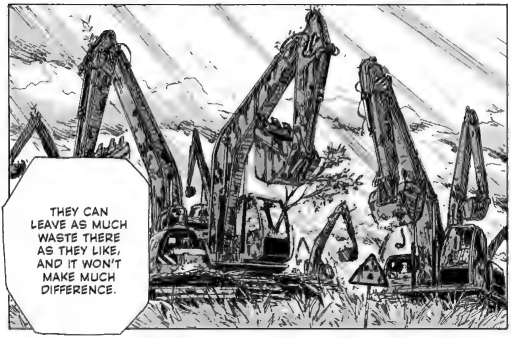
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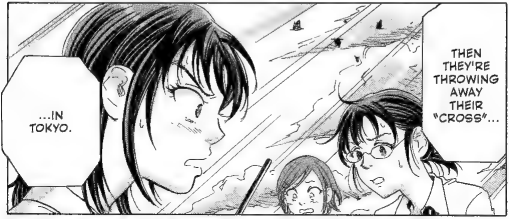
THEN THEY'RE THROWING AWAY THEIR "CROSS"...
...IN TOKYO.

But that's so... awful...
SNIFF SNIFF
So they're...
They're turnin' this city into a trash dump for nuclear waste?

BEEP
GSSH
HOW MUCH MORE DO THEY GOTTA RUIN TOKYO BEFORE THEY'RE SATISFIED?!
LEMME GO!
BEEP
GSSH
WHAT THE HELL?! THAT'S BULLCRAP!
IBARA, PLEASE CALM DOWN!
Did they already forget everythin' that happened 20 years ago?!
Is this how much they want electricity ?!

...
What the heck do they think they're
Let go!
HIC
HIC
-paraaa

...do they think we are...?!
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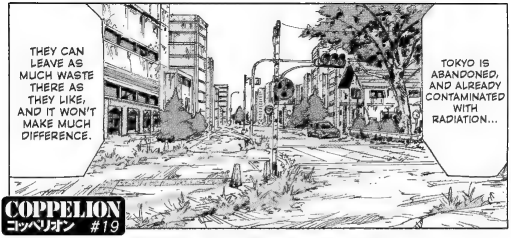
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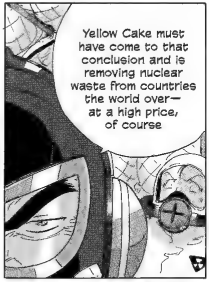
TOKYO IS ABANDONED, AND ALREADY CONTAMINATED WITH RADIATION...
COPPELION
コッペリオン #19

...IN TOKYO.
THEN THEY'RE THROWING AWAY THEIR "CROSS"...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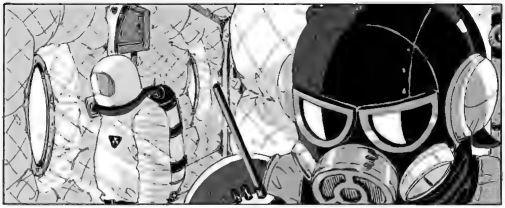
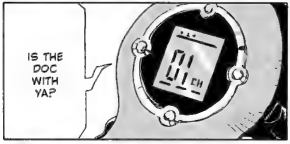
BEEP GSSH
WHAT THE HELL?! THAT'S BULL-CRAP!
IBARA, PLEASE CALM DOWN!

They're turnin' this city into a *trash dump* for nuclear waste?
So they're ...

What the heck do they think Tokyo...
Did they already forget everything that happened 25 years ago!?
Is this how much they want electricity?!
...do they think we are...?!




IS THE DOC WITH YA?

FWT
...THIS'S KAMATA, AT FUCHU BASE.
I HEARD EVERY-THING.

...?!
SWSH

He's not back at the base yet?!
FWAP

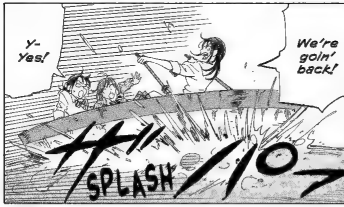
Where could he have gone?!
No way...
Huh...?
No... I thought he was still with you!
You're listening, right?!
Doctor, where are you?
DR. SHIBA!
COME IN!
WHERE ARE YOU...?!

!
THIS IS MY RESPONSIBILITY. ALL OF IT.
Humanity opened it—together!
That's not true...!
...without knowing how to close it.
I opened a box that should have been left untouched...
You've done away with my hesitation.
Thank you.
UM... MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T GET SO WORKED UP—
BEEP GSSH
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TA TELL YA THAT, Y'BLOCKHEAD?!
SHE'S RIGHT, DOC! THIS AIN'T SOMETHIN' YA HAVETA BEAR BY YOURSELF!
Y'DAMN FOOL! WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT YA!

D... Doc ?!
I LEAVE THE REST TO YOU, KAMATA.

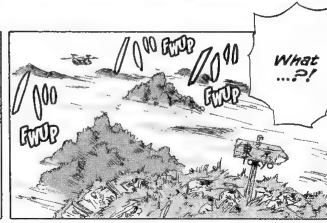
I'll stand proud as a scientist.
I'm ready to take responsibility for the accident.
Gl... CLENCH

FAREWELL.
PSSHT


Y-Yes!
We're goin' back!
SPLASH

Take responsibility? Does he mean ...?
T...

Denjiro Shiba has disappeared ?!


FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
What ...?!

Aieeee!
SKREEEE
We're gonna find him!
Get the helicopter over here!
Crap ...!
Everything keeps backfiring!
Could you, like, slow down?!
I- Ibara!
We shouldn't've left him alone...!
...the rest of the world can be saved, then...
If that means ...
If... If by sacrificing Tokyo...

That's what's waitin' at the end of *that* path!
Remember that tasteless apple?!
Screw that kinda world!
It ain't over till it's over!
We still have time!
This's the intersection where we last saw 'im!
SKREE!
We're here!

Please come back!
No one blames you for what happened!
Doctor! Where are you ?!
AYAME WAS JUST TELLIN' ME SHE MIGHT KNOW SOMETHIN'!
?!
There's gotta be somethin' to tell us where he went!
Dammit ...
BEEP
GSSH
IT'S ME, KAMATA!
...when we were at the shrine!
SWAP
I told the doctor somethin' once...
Put her on!
What is it?!

HE TAUGHT PEOPLE HOW TO FEED AND CLOTHE THEMSELVES, AND EVEN ABOUT MEDICINE AN' MAGIC.
THE GREAT GOD THERE CREATED THIS PLACE—THE MUSASHI PROVINCE.

And then I—
"Well! So I have a connection to this place, then!"
And then the doctor said:
Did that mean anythin' to you?!
So?!
Isn't that just like you, Doctor?
And then I told him—
!

You're like those elm trees.
...he might have gone to Okunitama Shrine...?!
Do you think...

Standing nobly in the very face of death...
We're goin' to the shrine!
Every-body in the jeep!
The heli-copter will be there in half an hour!
RRRMM
Naru-se!
Land at Fuchu Air Base!
Roger!
VROOM
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP

That sounds so... cruel...
Bring him in...?
We must bring him in alive!
Listen!
Do NOT let Shiba die!
Of course it does.
The VP lost his family to the accident 20 years ago.
His wife and his little daughter.

That doesn't mean... that he has to lash out at Dr. Shiba...
...You guys remember hearin' rumors about it at school, don't ya?
Yeah... but...
HE'S NOT A YOUNG MAN HIMSELF, YOU KNOW!
I FEEL BAD FOR HIM...
THE DOCTOR WAS SO KIND WHEN HE TOOK ME UP TO THE SHRINE TO PRAY.
And he never once complained.
He would always help me up the stairs...

He's more than atoned.
I forgive him.
You should tell him that yourself.
Oh, look!
A torii gate!
The shrine!

大國魂神社
SKREE

SWSSSHH

Okay!
TMP
Taeko, you take left! Aoi, go right!
We'll split up!
Dr. Shiba's hazmat suit should keep him safe!
Okay... The radiation's not as bad as we thought.

Ah ...?!

Dr. Shibaaa!
Please don't hide!

MIYAMACHI LIBRARY
Oh my gosh, it's a library!

What's this building ...?

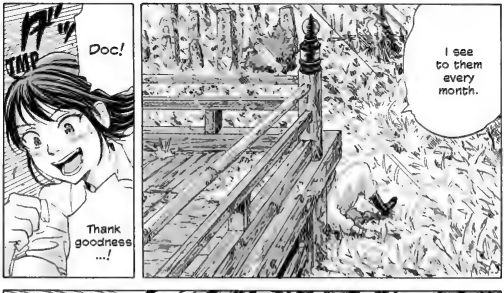
An artsy place!
TMP
TMP
Yippee!

Please say something!
Dr. Shiba...!
Where are ya?!
Dr. Shiba!
Tch...
I ain't gonna get cursed for goin' in without permission, am I...?
What's in here...?

SWISH
チチチ...
FSSSSH
That must be where you pray...
CHEEP CHEEP
クックク...
CHEEP CHEEP
チチチ...

Those papers've really stood the test of time...
CLAP
CLAP
Huh...

Beautiful, aren't they?
ビクッ
JOLT
?!


Doc!
TAP
Thank goodness ...!
I see to them every month.

GASP

What a pleasant breeze...
And the sunlight...
I'd forgotten how warm it feels.
How long...?
How long's it been since you took your mask off?!
It's beautiful...

...when I heard the footsteps of an angel.
Only a moment ago...
Shit!!
Then you've only got 10 minutes....!
It'll keep the radiation in check!
I gave him some aether!
FWAP
What are you doing?! His mask—
Ibara—oh, no!
SWSH
...aether's effects will only last for 10 minutes!
But...

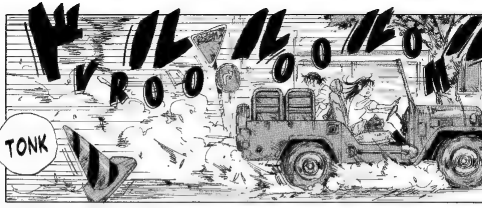
We're goin' back to the base!

09:42
Run!
#19 END

COPPELION
コッペリオン #20
DO NOT LET HIM DIE!
Find Shiba!
I'd forgotten how warm it feels.
And the sunlight...
GASP!
What a pleasant breeze...

It'll keep the radiation in check!
ガシッ!!
FWAP
I gave him some aether!
What are you doing?! His mask—
Ibara!
...aether's effects will only last for 10 minutes!
But...
09:42
We're goin' back to the base!

KOOMO
Please!!
You have to make it to the base in 10 minutes!
!
VICE PRINCIPAL!
Did you find him?!
What is it?!
There's only 10... no, nine minutes left until the last aether we had stops working!
Dr. Shiba was exposed to radiation!
10 minutes?!
08:59
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
Take us there at full speed!


VROOOOOOM
TONK

A mask won't do any good now!
It's because of the aether!

He's turning blue!
CLUNK
Shouldn't we put his breathing mask back on?!
CLUNK

Ibara!
His skin—
07:45

And now...
... I will die.

Caesium-137 enters the body like potassium...
This is a fitting appear-ance for a fool such as I ...
The radiation has slowly been eating away at my body...

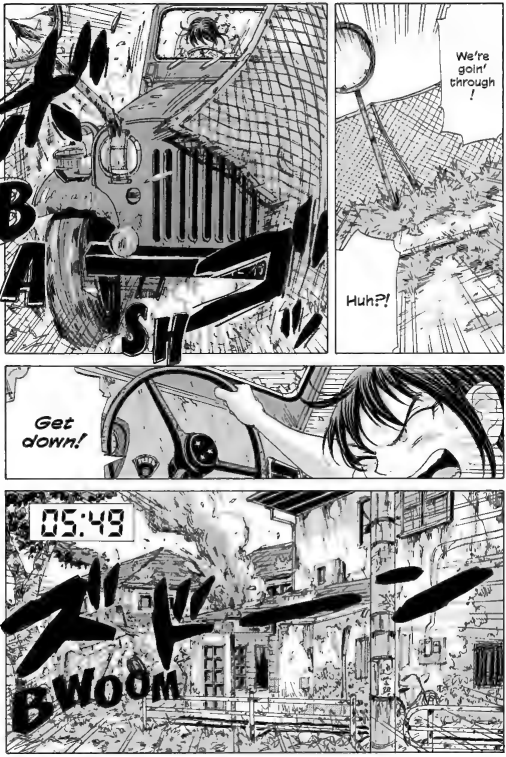
PLIP
You'll be okay!
Don't *say* that...!
PLIP
PLIP
You won't die... Don't just throw that word around like it's nothing...!

06:56
Tokyo!
We're here!

FWUP
FWUP
We're still not there?!
There's seven minutes left!
TOK
TOK
There it is!

VROOOM
We're on Koganei Highway!
We're almost to the base!
VROOOM
Alright!
SKRRRR
DOOM

CLUNK
A flat tire?!
Yeek!!
You're driving too crazy!
Crap, we gotta stop!
PUMP
We're gonna craaash!
SKREEEEEE
Oh crap, I can't control it!
Hit the brakes, Ibaraaa!
Uh... huh?
PUMP
PUMP
CLUNK
Whaaat?!
Sorry!
The brakes aren't workin'!


BASH
We're goin' through!
Huh?!
Get down!
05:49
BWOOM

Guys ...
You okay?
CLUNK
CLUNK
SHOOOOO
Oww...
Ibara, we only have five minutes left!
He's alright!
COUGH
After that?! Are you serious?!
I know! Let's go!
How's the doc?!
GRRRR
?!

GRAAAH!!
TWITCH
TWITCH
Eeeek!!
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
That monster's back!
BASH
GRAAAH

Run!
YELP YELP
Why meee?!
FWAP
WHUMP
04:33
GRRRRRR
ILRRRIL...
Carry me toooo!
TMP
Come on, this way!

TMP
TMP
TMP
Four minutes, 30 seconds!
Taeko! How much longer?!
Crud!
A residential area?!
Huh ...?!
SCHOOL CROSSING
THUD
THUD
THUD
M-Mooove!
TMP

Eeee!
GRAAAHH
FWOMP
Oof!
Get away, you stalker...!
SWSH
KRSH

TMP
Ibara ?!
Move back!
KRSH
PSSH
KCHK
GRRR
Stay right there ...!
BOOM
Ibara! No!
TWITCH
TWITCH
GRRR
Run!!
?!
SHOOOO

RRRMMM
TMP
WOOO
BWOOM
KRSSH
03:58
FWAP
Taeko
....
How much longer!?
Y-You did it!
You got him!
TWITCH
TWITCH

?!
TMP TMP TMP
Dammit...!
JASDFUCHUBA
陸上自衛隊府中基地
Where are they?!
HFF HFF
HUFF HUFF
ドサ
THUMP!!
You finally made it!
03:10
But we're almost out of time!
But...
Ibara!
What...?!
Dammit, Doc...! Why'd ya haveta...?!
I listened in on the radio!
Huh?
It's not here yet!
Where's the helicopter?!
SWSH

All that's left now...
We've done all we could.
02:53
...is to trust in the Vice Principal.
This Vice Principal fellow...

It's as if I killed them myself.
He lost his wife and child...
I overheard what you said...
...he, too, suffered because of the nuclear meltdown, didn't he?
To those happy days...
If only we could go back to 20 years ago...
He's a JGSDF member.
The Vice Principal's not the kind of person you think.
I can't face him.
Please... let me die.

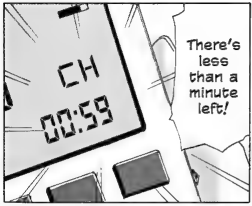
And it's the JGSDF's duty to protect you citizens.
That's why we're here.

02:29
To save *everyone*. Including you.

01:59
02:10
01:23
CH
00:59
BEEP
There's less than a minute left!
Oh no...
Oh...

1
2
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
00:30
Ibara...
No...
THUD
ドサ
HIC
Dammit ...!!
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
...

WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
#20 END


CH
00:59
There's less than a minute left!
The aether's about to stop working...

COPPELION
コッペリオン #21

WHOP
WHOP
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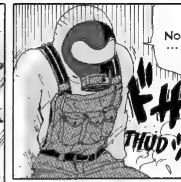
WHOP
WHOP
WHOP
WHOP
...

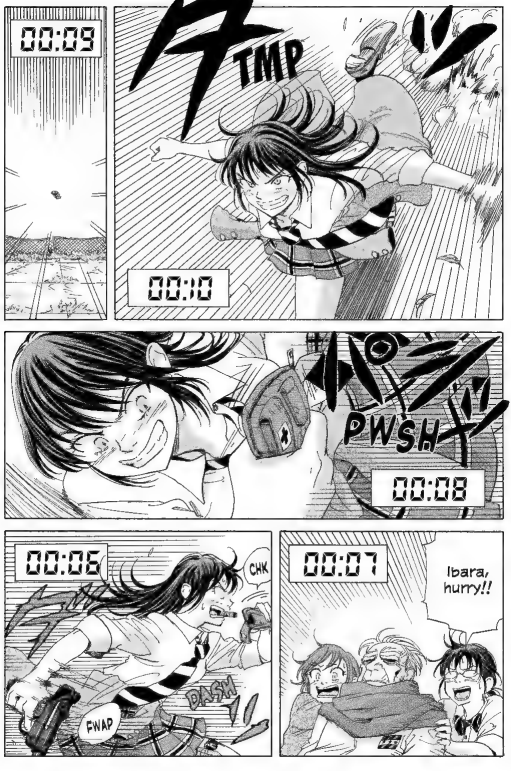
00:30
Ibara...


No...
THUD

Dr. Shiba's gonna... gonna...!

WHUP
WHUP
WHUP

WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
Naruse !!
The VP's here!
Heeey! Down here!
Take this!
It's more aether!


00:09
TMP
00:10
PWSH
00:08
00:06
CHK
DASH
FWAP
00:07
Ibara, hurry!!

!!
PLOP
KCHK
SHOOP
00:05
CLACK
CLACK
00:04
00:03
SWSH
FWSH

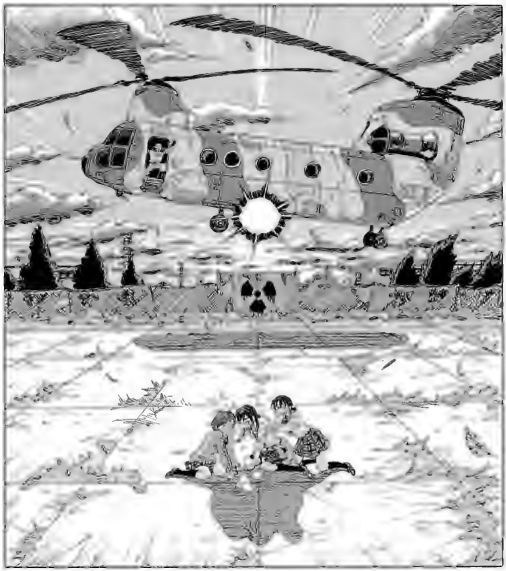
KCHK
SHP
00:02
KCHK
PSH

00:01

RAAA
They did it!
Right at the last second!

FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
Settle down, you lot! Take us down!
Aye aye, sir!
We did it, VP! Haha!
The helicopter's landing now...
There's clean air inside.
The reading looks normal.
812
Ibara...!
We made it, somehow!

Thank God...
PLIP
PLIP
Urgh...
Ahun...
Ibara...!



What's your problem?
SWAP
I can walk by myself, thank you very much!
Don't you treat me like I'm handi-capped!
I get it, just get in!
Okay, okay!
!

GRAK
GWSH
SWSH

Take my hand, Dr. Shiba.
You must be exhausted ...
Thank you, everyone...
... Thank you ....

Miss Ibara...

...because of the failures of your elders.
You children have met with such sorrow ...

Yes, Doctor ...?

I hope you can forgive us...

And now...
Now we are pushing you to clean up that mess as well.

...for the world we've made.

I don't really get complex stuff like that.
But
...there *is* one thing I *do* know
And that's
...how beautiful the sky looks again today.
So... I'm not sad.

VWEEN
This is the list I kept of survivors.
Please lend your help to them...

...and to this beautiful city.
Yes, Doctor ...
I know just what you mean.
... wouldn't you say...
Mr VP...
...that they are more human than any of us?

Ahhh
And just like that, they're gone.
It's just ...
...us three again.

SHINKOGANEI HIGHWAY
We don't *need* t'keep wanderin' around on our feet now that we got this list!
I forgot to ask 'im for an RV!
Oh, *fudge!*
?!
Now then...
...let's head downtown!
Walkin's better for your health... an' we can see the sights along the way.
Well, whatever, I guess...

I'll take your bag.
No helpin' that...
Here, give it.
SWSH
What's wrong? You guys tuckered out?
...
Nooo! Your bag is already too heavy!
Hand it over!
You're only makin' me want it more!
FWAP
No way! This's *mine* to carry!
Give it, you idiot!
BLEEEH
FWAP
FWAP
Um... Ibara...

...you shouldn't push yourself so much any longer.
I think...
I dunno what you're goin' on about...
I...
Huh...?
Push myself?
Let's just go!
Whatever!
Maybe I'm just dead weight...
I know I'm pretty much useless compared to you...
We're all Coppelion, Ibara!

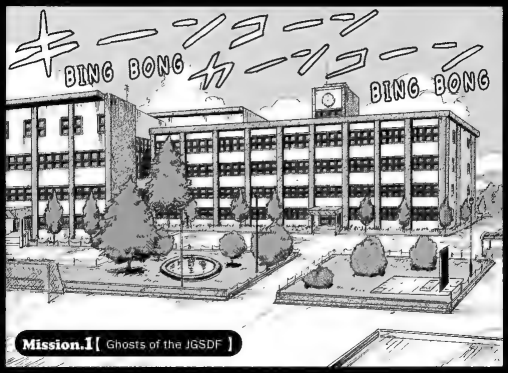
Even you need help sometimes.
...you're not, like, a *superhero*.
But...
...today, I realized ...
So...
SWSH
...I'm gonna do my best to keep up with you!
You won't ever cry alone again!
Because we'll *always* be with you!

HSWPSSSPH
THAT
SAVE...

Thanks ...!
Alright!

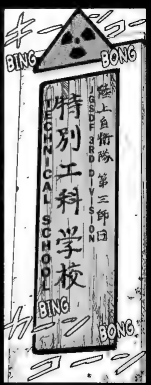
Our little trip's only just begun!
Time t'go!
Shinjuku
We should totally go to Shibuya!
Oh, oh, Ibara!
Go on your own!
COPPELION
PART 1: END

COPPELION
PART 2


キーンコーン
BING BONG
カーンコーン
BING BONG
Mission.1【 Ghosts of the JGSDF 】

Stand!
CLACK

Bow!
CONGRATULATIONS: COPPE...ON MOBILIZATION

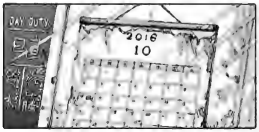

キーンコーン
BING BONG
陸上自衛隊第三師団
GSDF 3RD DIVISION
特別工科学校
TECHNICAL SCHOOL
BING BONG
カーンコーン

Be seated!
CLATTER
Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.
Tomorrow, you'll finally begin operations in Tokyo.
ROSTER
SWAP
This will be your final roll call.

GASP

8:05 AM,
October 4,
2036 AD

TWEET


DAY DUTY
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TWEET
TWEET

You know...
I was just dreamin' ...
...since we got here, right?
It's only been four days...
TWEET
...being here kinda reminds me of school ...
I wish we could go back to Osaka...
And I'm already so tired...
FLAP FLAP

...
Get ready!
It's about time we got goin'.
FWAP
Welp, we're in Tokyo now.

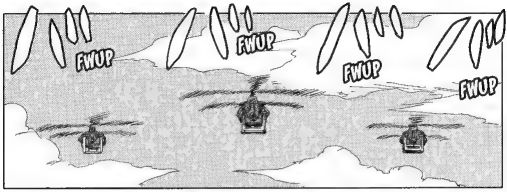
Where's the next survivor ...?
Lessee ...
BWUMP

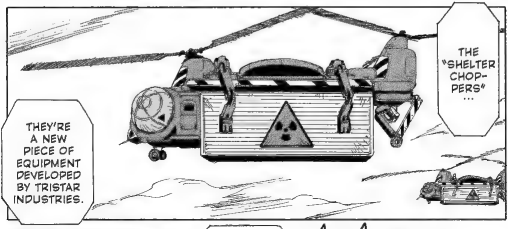
BWUMP

Chofu City, JAXA?
What's this ...?
CHOFU CITY JAXA HQ
KAJII FAMILY
KAMAKURA FAMILY
ASUNO ANTISYNCYTITIUS (HIV) PREGNANCY TEST
MISS ANAMI

What's closest to us ...?
FLAP
FLAP
This'll be a snap now that we have Dr. Shiba's list!

They develop space stations, rockets, and so on.
The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency.
JAXA? What's that?
NOM
No clue!
Hm... So they're basically the NASA of Japan.
NASA ?!
Okay!
To Chofu! Let's move out!
SWISH
Bye-bye, Fuchu!
Not in the middle of the city...
Oh my gosh! So do they, like, launch rockets into space?!
Smart place to live.
The JAXA headquarters must have all sorts of scientific equipment...


FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP

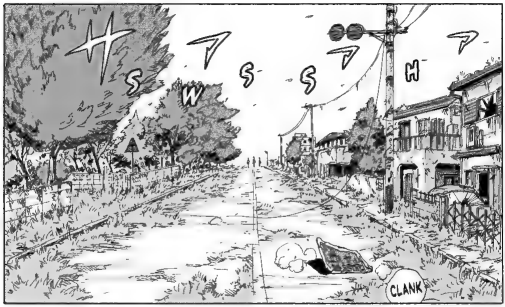

THE "SHELTER CHOPPERS" ...
THEY'RE A NEW PIECE OF EQUIPMENT DEVELOPED BY TRISTAR INDUSTRIES.

THEY EACH CARRY A DETACHABLE SHIPPING CONTAINER—ONES WITH SHIELDING FOR RADIATION.
PLUNK
THEY CAN MANIPULATE ROBOTIC ARMS TO LOAD RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL INTO THE CONTAINERS.
WHRRR

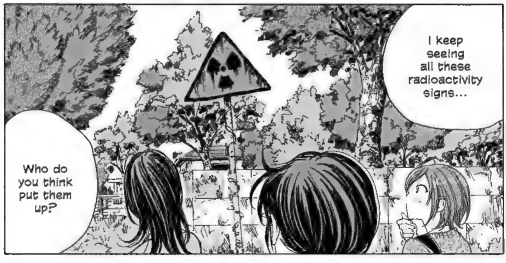
Tama Boat Race Lake
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP

PI'UP
PI'UP
PI'UP
Got it, VP!
I can see 'em from here!
...They should be arriving in Fuchu shortly.
We'll use them to seal away the radioactive waste you found in the Boat Race Lake, for now.
I have other matters to attend to, so I'll remain in Nagoya for a while.
Continue your search for survivors.
THEY'LL NO LONGER LEAK RADIATION INTO THE AREA, SO PUT YOUR MIND AT EASE.
PI'UP
PI'UP
PI'UP
WE'LL LEAVE THEM IN TOKYO UNTIL WE FIND A SUITABLE PLACE TO STORE THEM PERMANENTLY.
They're examining him now.
Yes.
Roger.
When things have gotten quieter here, I'm going to ask him a few questions.
Um... Is Dr. Shiba alright?

Naruse.
Anyway—
...Don't say that. Just... take your time and talk.
SWSSH
...
Yes, sir?
I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR SAVING DR. SHIBA'S LIFE.
PERHAPS I WAS IN THE WRONG.
I've decided to stop dwelling on the past.
I'm moving full steam ahead now— toward the future!
...
Copy that, VP!

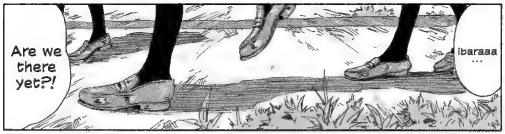

SWSSSH
CLANK

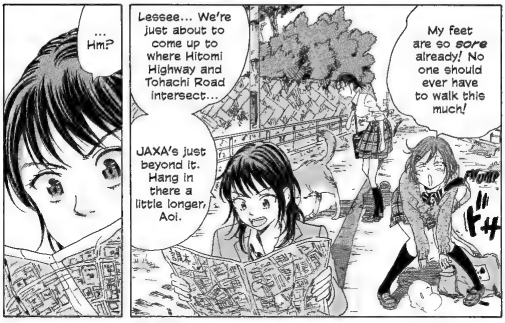
Hey, Ibara?
Still too early for a lunch break, Aoi.
I've kinda been wondering about this ever since we got here...


I keep seeing all these radioactivity signs...
Who do you think put them up?

They didn't have any time to fool around with little signs.
No... There's something weird about it.
SWISH
Why, they would have been erected 20 years ago, wouldn't they?
The government must have put them up, right after the accident.
It kinda makes me think of...
... territorial marking.
WOOO
You know ...
Like what animals do...
...to let everybody else know where they're in charge.

Hey...
RRMM
You sure it's okay to leave 'em in the middle of an intersection?
The radioactive waste is all sealed away!
That's the last one!
What is it?
BEEP
... Huh?
Now let's report back to Nagoya!
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
Of course it is! Nobody's driving in those streets!
That light...
You see that?


Are we there yet?!
Ibaraaa...


My feet are so sore already! No one should ever have to walk this much!
Lessee... We're just about to come up to where Hitomi Highway and Tohachi Road intersect...
JAXA's just beyond it. Hang in there a little longer, Aoi.
...Hm?

My goodness...
What are these tracks?
Looks like treads from some kinda heavy-duty vehicle...
Maybe a bulldozer?

That van's turned over!
It looks like an ambu-lance!
Ibara, look!
?!
We've gotta hurry ...!
DASH
There's smoke coming out... There must be some survivors!
Urgh...
!
Is anyone in there ?!
TMP
TMP
Hello ?!

I'm gonna get you out!
Are you injured?!
CHAMP
Found ya!
There's someone up front!
M-My daughter Ibuki... is in the back...
Please, help her first!
A-Another little girl?!
!
It's not locked...
And she's wearing a hazmat suit, you can open it up...
Roger! I'll take care of her!
DASH
KREE
?!
KCHK

Preg-nant?!
She's...
W...
We have to help her...
Right!
Let's get to it!
I'll get the aether ready!
CLANK

What is it, VP?!
CHK
Wh—? Now, of all times?!
BEEP GSSH
NARUSE, COME IN!
...THAT THEIR ATTACKERS ...
ONE OF THE SHELTER CHOPPERS WAS ATTACKED!
?!
I JUST RECEIVED AN URGENT REPORT!
Who did it?!
Attack-ed?
...TOOK ALL THE RADIOACTIVE WASTE!
BUT THE PILOTS REPORT ...
WE DON'T KNOW.

IT WOULD TAKE A LOT OF MANPOWER TO MOVE THREE SHELTERS.
THEY SHOULD STILL BE IN THE AREA!
They stole it?!
...
But why would anyone do such a thing ...?!
What the heck's going on?!
I don't get it...
YOU'RE TO LOCATE THE PERPE-TRATORS ASAP!
Who?!
H-Huh?
?!
They're coming ...

G-G-Ghosts?!
The JGSDF?
...by the ghosts of the JGSDF...
See... this place is haunted...
Be careful...
CLUNK
What's that sound...?
What the...?
?!

CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK
The 1st Division is coming...!
M-1 END

CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK
Mission.2【 Perilous Flight 】
Or, uh...
They'd be like, our allies... Am I right?
H-Hey...
If they're JGSDF...
It was them...
FWAP
The 1st Division...!
They're the ones who attacked us...

BSHOOM
Ibara ?!
Wha ?!
!!
BOOM
SHOOT
...

RA
TA
TA
TA
TA

Let's move it!
It's just a smoke bomb!

FWAP

Eeeeek!
Don't slip!
Use the ambulance as a shield!
PEW
PEW

Y-Yes!
KRASH
Crap, I forgot! Take her, Taeko!

Wait! My dad's still in there!

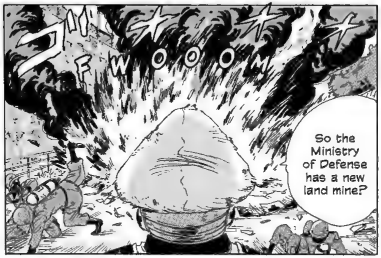
WHAM
FWUMP
TWING
FWAP
TINKLE
!
FWSH

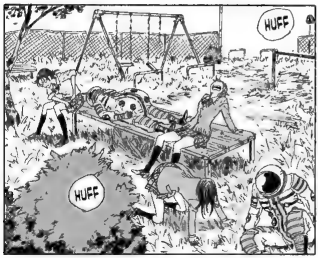
KCHK
Sorry about that!
Gack!
SKKP
KONK
BLAM
Urgh...
Come on, this way!
FWAP
KRIK
KRAK
KRIK
WHUD

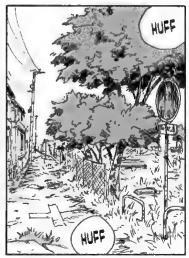
Open fire!
BEEP
BEEP
KCHK
Enemy sighted!
BEEEP
?!
CLICK
Buh-bye!
KA-BOOM
!!

FWOOOM
PLUNK
PLINK

It seems they've made some advances over the last 20 years.


FWOOOM
So the Ministry of Defense has a new land mine?


HUFF
HUFF


HUFF
HUFF

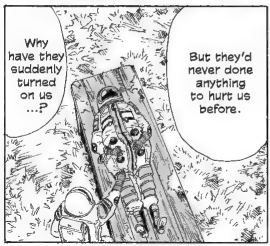
What's going on?! What the heck was with those soldiers?!
Nobody told me there'd be *soldiers!*
!

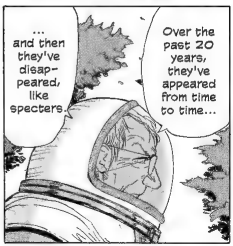
...we managed to get away.
think ...

PHEW
I hope so.

That was...
...the 1st Division.

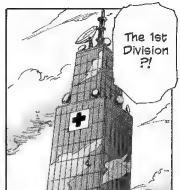
Every step we take, this gets more *insane!*
We're, like, cursed!
Hey, that's what I wanna know, too!


Why have they suddenly turned on us ...?
But they'd never done anything to hurt us before.


... and then they've disap-peared, like specters.
Over the past 20 years, they've appeared from time to time...

Is the baby alright?
Your stomach ...
We were listening to what happened yesterday. On a radio Dr. Shiba gave us, actually.
We know who *you* are already.
Thanks for your help.
Yeah ...
This's my dad, Gojiro.
I'm Ibuki Kajii.
Finally... a rescue team.
Coppelion ...

Are you *certain* you saw them?!
The ghosts of the JGSDF, you say...

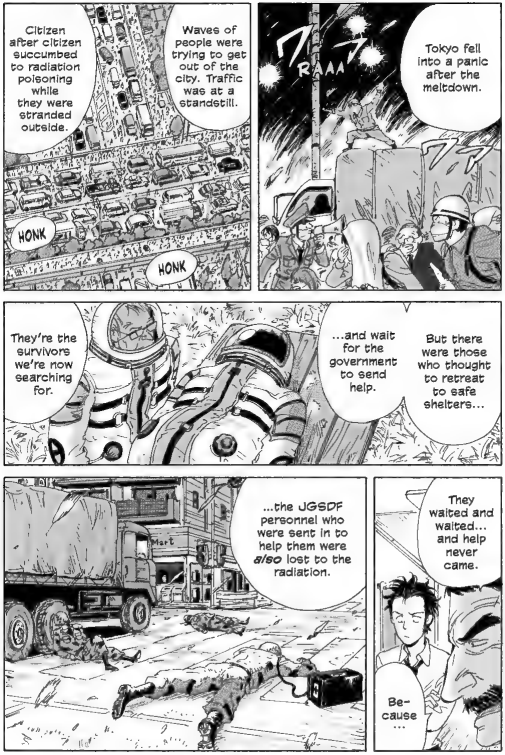

The 1st Division ?!
Nagoya
Madness ...!

And they're nutso! You have to come save us!!
Heck yeah we saw them!

Yes...
According to the reports, they were wiped out 20 years ago.

HEEEY! ARE YOU LISTENING, VICE PRINCIPAL ?!
... The 1st Division ...

Wasn't the 1st Division, you know...
VP...


Citizen after citizen succumbed to radiation poisoning while they were stranded outside.
Waves of people were trying to get out of the city. Traffic was at a standstill.
HONK
HONK
RAAA
Tokyo fell into a panic after the meltdown.
They're the survivors we're now searching for.
...and wait for the government to send help.
But there were those who thought to retreat to safe shelters...
...the JGSDF personnel who were sent in to help them were *also* lost to the radiation.
They waited and waited... and help never came.
Be-cause ...

The government feared further loss of personnel and ceased evacuation attempts.
12
They were responsible for the defense of Tokyo.
...the 1st Division?
And they were ...
...TOKYO HAS BEEN SEALED AWAY BY A GIANT STEEL WALL.
AND EVER SINCE ...
IT'S NO WONDER THEY MIGHT DESPISE US.
THE SURVIVORS WERE ABANDONED BY THEIR COUNTRY.
Then everyone who was still inside, they're...
Oh my word ...
...THEY WERE LOCKED AWAY IN TOKYO, TOO, FOR 20 LONG YEARS...?
IF ...
Would the 1st Division feel that way, too?
...
We'll prepare the helicopter as fast as we can.
Find a safe place to hide.

You live in the JAXA headquarters, right?
Okay, ready to go?
Like, the sooner I get back to Osaka the better! That helicopter's got a seat with my name on it, too!
Roger.
B-Be-cause—
... Why?
You were goin' to a hospital?
SWAP
We were heading from there to the hospital in Shibuya when those madmen attacked us!
Yes, it's our hiding place!
!
Get down ...!
Ibara! Shh!

Don't make a sound, Aoi!
Roger
Let's slip by...
JAXA's this way.
SWISH
SWISH
They don't give up, do they ?!
Shit
GLARE
SWISH
SWISH
...
!!
Urgh ...!

My belly...!
Ow...
Hng...
!
Targets sighted!
!!
Birth pangs again?!
Oh no...
Birth pangs ...?!
B...
Firing!
KCHK
Shit!
They found us! Run!
DASH
NOOOO!!

WHAM!
?!
Gah!
WHUD
FWSH
The cavalry's here for ya, Ibuki!
Now get your asses in!
M-2 END

They were responsible for the defense of Tokyo.
The 1st Division...
Mission.3【 The Prime Minister Arrives! 】
Ow... My belly ...!
Hng ...
Rog- er ...
SWSH
Let's slip by before they notice us—
JAXA's east of here...
...
What th—?
An armored car?!
!!
VROOOM
Oh no... Birth pangs again?!
B- Birth pangs ?!

The cavalry's here for ya, Ibuki!
FWSH

He's one of us... We're saved!
Wh-Who's that?!
Fore-man!
Quit yer yappin' and get in! Ghosts ain't gonna wait fer ya!
TMP
KCHK
DASH
Okay! Everybody in the car!
Eat this!
EWWP
Yeeek!

...
BSSSH

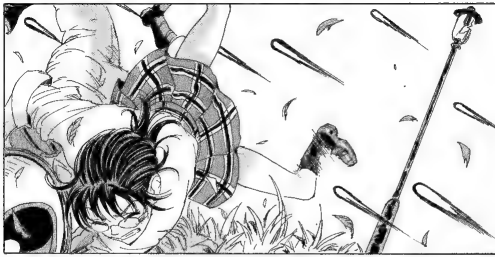
FSSSHH

I'll send ya swimmin' straight into Tokyo Bay!
Ga ha ha ha!

Hurry! We'll be surrounded!

Taeko, look out!
FSH

Take your time... Be careful...
O... Okay ...



There's more of them!
Ibara!
!

Water's out!
BSSH
What's takin' ya?!

Yes!
Y...
BSHOOM
Move it!

DRA
DTA
DTA
DTA
DTA
WHAM
PUNK
PUNK

Floor it, Gennai!
What about your savior, huh?!
DASH
Everybody's in!
PLINK
PLUNK
SLAM
SKREEE
CLUNK
Leave it t'me!
VROOOO

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
VROOO
Guys...
You all okay?
Aoi?
THROB
...Gravely wounded, I see.
Taeko ?
!
Taeko !!
PLIP

TOKYO NUCLEAR ACCIDENT SURVIVORS HOSPITAL
NAGOYA STATION

GOOAH.
We're JGSDF... not security guards, right?
VP...

CLOP
BWSH
CLOP

Like is Japan seriously that low on guards ...?
Isn't guarding this "Kyoto Conference" outside of our job description?

Well, I've come all the way from Kyoto, just for you!
Hard at work, I'm sure!
TAP

If you object, you can turn in your resignation, Ibuse.
It's the Prime Minister's orders.

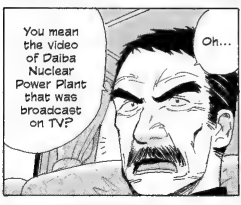
Guh ...
Aha, there you are, Mishima!

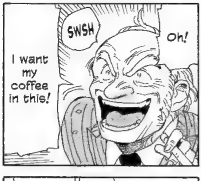
Wait a sec, is he...?
The most powerf ...
Who the heck's this old midget?
FWIP
I'll have you know I'm the most powerful old man in Japan!!
Midget?!
Too late now!
H-His Excellency, the Prime Minister?!
FWIP
Oh...
Oh, yes! This is a hospital, after all!
Hm ...?
...the air here is exceedingly clean.
Excuse me, Prime Minister Natsume, but...
There's no need to wear a breathing mask.
If by any chance there's ...
Regardless, we're rather close to Tokyo...

...
And if you're concerned about radiation, a breathing mask alone is meaningless.
One must wear a thick steel hazmat suit with an oxygen tank.
Nagoya is not contaminated.
So he's not gonna take it off?
I know!
TAP
Let's continue this conversation in my limousine!
... much like most of our citizens.
His Excellency knows nothing about radiation ...
Congratulations are in order!

OFFICIAL VEHICLE

It's been a great boon to me!
You have my thanks for that perilous footage!


You mean the video of Daiba Nuclear Power Plant that was broadcast on TV?
Oh...


SNSH
Oh!
I want my coffee in this!

That secret live footage was a splendid surprise!
Yes, yes, that!
GLUG
GLUG

TA-DAH
An eco-cup, made from recycled nuclear waste!

It's actually a luxury item, though! Made in France! Wahaha!
...
Yes, Your Excellency.
CLICK
Photo op, Ougai!
Post it on the blog later, will you?!
And do you know why?
My approval ratings went through the roof after that broadcast!
Because my party has always pushed a stance *against* nuclear power!
Exactly what you're thinking ...
We can use this to send those pro-nuclear power fools to their graves!
Now, then, a toast to victory!
LIVE
It's just what I'd planned—as they say, a picture's worth a thousand words! Wahaha!
After seeing the appalling state of that nuclear plant, the voters swung over to our side!

This is the perfect opportunity for me to appeal to the whole world to do away with their nuclear weapons and their nuclear power plants!
The speech is already written!
Swip
As long as I stand against nuclear power, my rating's guaranteed!
ピン ピン ピン
I can relax now!
Leaders from all over the world will meet in our capital!
Tomorrow, the Kyoto Conference will finally begin...
Wind power...
We gotta get some wind back in our sails!
We have our hands full with this recession...
We're counting on you, Your Excellency!
We could level Shikoku, turn the entire island into a wind farm...
Sounds good, right, VP?
Oh—that's perfect! How about pushing wind power?

...Dolls?
TCH
By the way, Vice Principal Mishima...
...how are those dolls progressing?
Oh, oh, those!
Those new weapons! Coppepan!
It's Coppelion, Your Excellency.
The operation is progressing smoothly—
BZZ
VP, COME IN!
TAEKO'S BEEN SHOT!
Smoothly, was it?
...
PSSH
Her life's not in any danger...
But ...
I'm here, Naruse!
How serious is Taeko Nomura's condition?

And if we have to run from those guys again...
...even with our regeneration abilities... she'll need at least a week of rest.

CRASH
?!

You're referring to the 1st Division?
"Those guys" ...

...the... the 1st Division?!
Did you say...

...
Your Excellency ?!
Your eco-cup...
CLINK

Take me too!
VP.
Could you take Taeko an' the survivors to Nagoya?

Obliterating the enemy should take priority!
That won't fly!
I'll arrange—
Yes. I understand.
Hold it!
We're not soldiers! We're an evacuation team!
Wait a... Who the heck was that?!
What ...?!
...with only the three of them... no, two of them... they won't be able to—
Your Excellency ...
You've just been promoted to soldier, so be grateful!
I'm the most powerful man in Japan! I'm your Prime Minister! You work for me!
I don't give a crap if you're the Prime Minister or what, you're askin' for the impossible, y'moron!

They've all...
M... M...
They've all been waiting 20 years for us to come to Tokyo!
There are still so many people who need our help!
This is a job only we can do!
Japan may have abandoned them, but I'll bring them all back!

But here's your government's decree!!
Have it your way, you fool girl!

Annihilate the 1st Division!
Or you won't get a single helicopter for your survivors!!
M-3 END

ブォォォ

I WAS JUST KIDDING ABOUT THE MORON THING, REALLY! IT WAS TOTALLY A JOKE!
YOU'RE, LIKE, THE SMARTEST, WISEST PERSON IN ALL OF JAPAN!
HUFF
HUFF
!... I'M SOOO SORRY, MR. PRIME MINISTER, YOUR EXCELLENCY!
Uh...
And that's final!
Sorry, but the JGSDF's already booked! I need them for the Kyoto Conference starting tomorrow!
AND YOU COULD SEND REINFORCEMENTS TO HELP WITH THE 1ST DIVISION WITH IT! THAT'S THE SMART THING TO DO...!
SO PLEASE, PLEASE LET US HAVE A HELI-COPTER!
Prime Minister! Come in!
Your Excellency?!
Wait!
Hellooooo?!
VROOO
ヴィーーーン

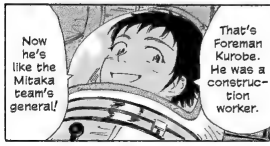
...

Geez, Aoi! I'm sorry! The words just came out!
We'll never ever make it back to Osaka! Ahuuun!
Now what do we do?!

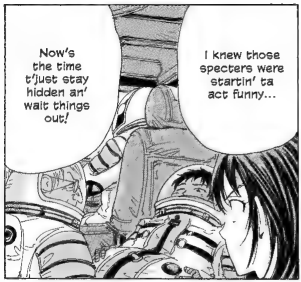
Ibara, you idiot! How could you?!

Wh- What's with him...?
HIC
HIC

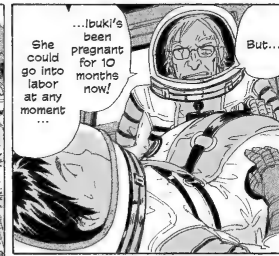
Quit yer wailin', you ain't a baby!
It's no use cryin' over spilled milk!


Now he's like the Mitaka team's general!
That's Foreman Kurobe. He was a construction worker.

I'm Gennai Ishikawa, repairman! Nice t'meet ya!
Yes— those of us who live around Chofu and Mitaka.
Mitaka team?
You're a special forces unit. Coppelion, ain't it?
Y'came from out west ta help us.
We know that! We know the whole spiel!
We're from the JGSDF 3rd Division—
Nice to meet you…
We should head back to JAXA and…
My daughter's in pain!
Foreman Kurobe…
But without a helicopter, we can't evacuate you… Sorry.
That's how it's supposed to be, at least.


Now's the time t'just stay hidden an' wait things out!
I knew those specters were startin' ta act funny...
I done *told* ya not ta go out on yer own, Gojiro!
Hrmph!

VROOOM
Leave it t'me!

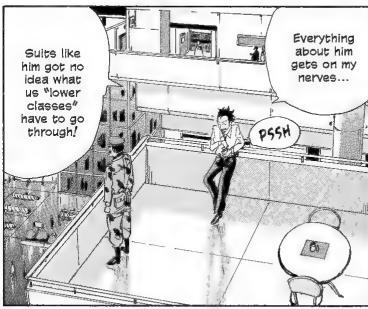

...Ibuki's been pregnant for 10 months now!
But...
She could go into labor at any moment ...

Take us back ta the base, Genna!
I know! I wasn't born yesterday!

Prime Minister Natsume!
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
Nagoya City Heliport
We must at least evacuate the pregnant girl—
We'll strengthen our precautions against the 1st Division!
Please take back your orders!
Your Excellency!
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
KCHK
Secretary Ougai...
TMP

Do you know anything about that, Ougai?
He turned pale the moment he heard about the 1st Division.
His Excellency is in quite a rage, you know.
TAP
TAP
TAP
There's no use trying to reason with him now.
...to quell any little threat of terrorism with a veritable wall of security guards.
The best our dying country can do, as host...
We'll be discussing long-term plans for energy and environmental problems at the Kyoto Conference.
I'm very busy, myself, you know.
Those little *dolls* will simply have to wait.
My apologies, but the conference comes first.

It cost so much to develop them, after all...
They *were* given the ability to *fight*, weren't they?


Suits like him got no idea what us "lower classes" have to go through!
Everything about him gets on my nerves...
PSSH

That beak-nosed old fart!
CLACK

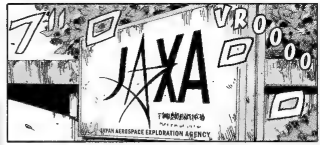
What a patriot... He doesn't give a crap about Tokyo, former capital or not!
GLUG GLUG
Ha...
Ugh!

He may be disagreeable, but Japan would have sunk without him.
I've known Ougai for a long time.

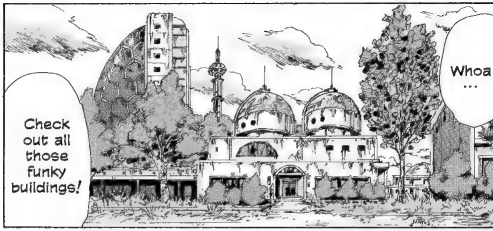
There's no other choice.
CRAK
Whew... Guess we better get going to Kyoto, then.
...we have no choice but to move the personnel who are already in Tokyo.
If we can't provide support ourselves ...
Heading out west could be a nice change of pace, at least!
So you mean—
Huh?!
We'll call on the Cleanup Crew.

JAXA

This's JAXA—the Aerospace Exploration Agency!
Here we are!


JAXA
JAPAN AEROSPACE EXPLORATION AGENCY

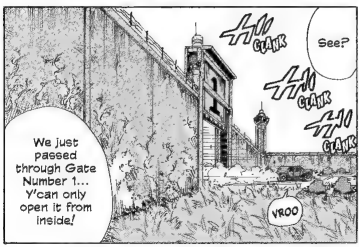
STOP
SLOW
CLUNK


Whoa ...
Check out all those funky buildings!

They spent a tona money ta build themselves state of the art facilities...
But now they're just hunks o' junk! Gahaha!

Most of 'em're contaminated with radiation. Ain't fit even fer pigs!
Ha!

How's the security here?
Are there any barricades set up?


See?
CLANK
CLANK
CLANK
We just passed through Gate Number 1... Y'can only open it from inside!
VROO

All taken care of! I know what I'm doin'!

I... Ibara...
An' there's only one gate. Nothin' gets in while it's closed—not even stray animals!
BRRRM
ゴゴ...
If anybody gets close, the alarms'll sound and it'll become electrified!
PHOOM
Come to think of it, haven't seen him in a while...
Huh?!
...do you know... where Mr. Wolf went...?
Speaking of... animals...
But I'm sure he'll come after us before we know it!
All the gunfire probably, like, scared him off.
BEEP GSSH
NARUSE, COME IN.
Roger roger!
We'll haveta let 'im in so he doesn't get shocked.
If he does, the alarms will go off.

Those of us in the 3rd Division have to head to Kyoto as security for the conference…
Things don't look good.
SHOOO
I'm here, VP.
…What happened after the PM hung up?
But…
…how're we supposed to do this without you?!
Three days…
I hope we can wait that long…
Don't worry. The conference will be over in three days.
CLOP
CLOP
We'll fly to you afterward.
SHE'LL HAVE TO BEAR WITH IT FOR NOW. I'M SORRY.
YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT THE PREGNANT GIRL, AREN'T YOU…?

However, I think I can do something about that.
I'm uneasy about you handling this by yourself.
I'll will myself through it somehow!
It's okay...
Owie...
I'll stand guard here.
...Well, you heard her.
Look at that! That's so incredible!
SWAP
What do you—?
Huh...?
Oh my gosh!
It's the largest shelter around!
That's our home.
Im-pressed, are ya?!

We call it "Planet."
12-D
It's big, too... Looks like it'd be pretty comfortable.
Huh...
So it makes a sturdy shelter. It can block all kindsa harmful substances.
It was originally a huge vacuum chamber, to simulate conditions in space...
Planet...

PSSSSH ユウウウ

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YOU HAVE NOW ENTERED THE FUTURE OF SCIENCE.
WELCOME TO PLANET.
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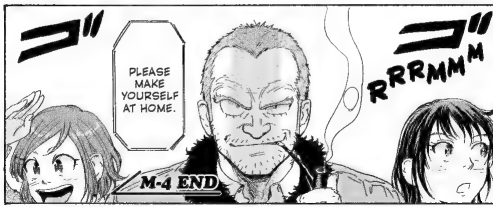
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PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME.
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RRRMMM
M-4 END

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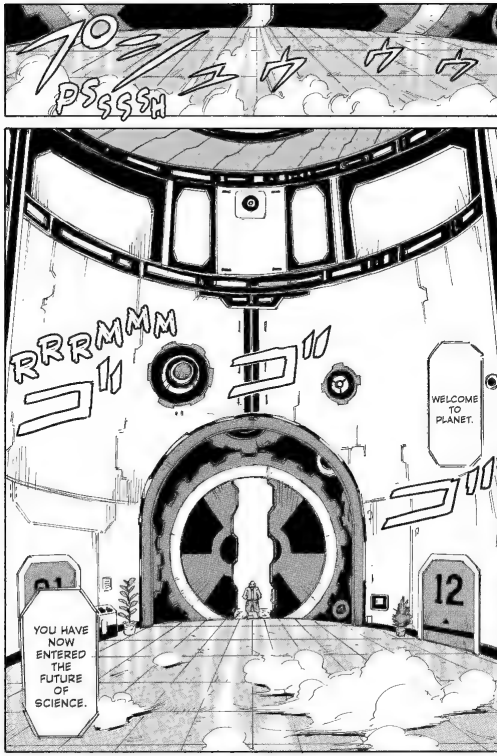
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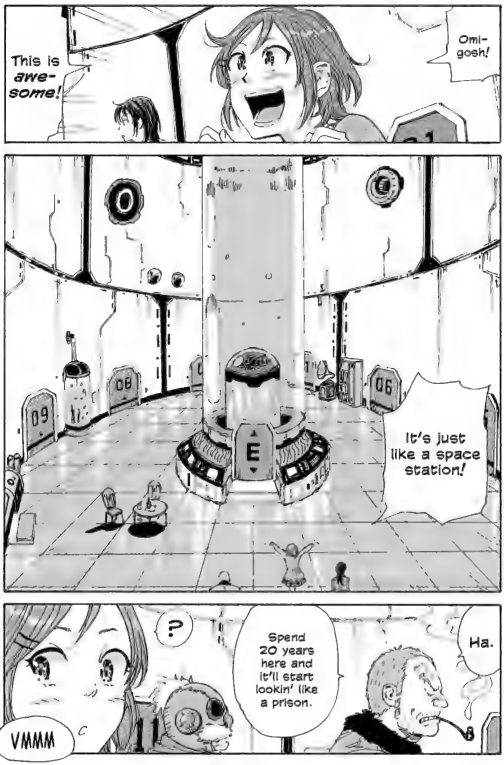

This is awe-some!
Omi-gosh!
It's just like a space station!
Ha.
Spend 20 years here and it'll start lookin' like a prison.
?
VMMM

BEEP GSSH
VIOLATION OF CODE ...
Eeek! What is this?! A robot?! Oh. My. God!
CLANK
CLANK
Hey, be gentle with him!
VMM
NEW GUESTS, PLEASE SIGN IN AT THE FRONT DESK—
WELCOME TO PLANET.
!!
I AM THE JAXA FACILITY ROBOT. MY NAME IS "NO-SENSE."
A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, LADIES.
CHIMING
Introduce yourself, fella!
PAT
Yeah, uh ...
I'm not so sure about that name, pal.
MASTER GENNAI NAMED ME SUCH BECAUSE I AM RICH IN HEART.

MISS... CUTIE AOI?
BEEP BEEP
INPUT COM-PLETE.
But turns out ya gotta order him around t'get him to do anythin'.
TONK
He's loaded with an AI, so he's s'posed ta think and act on his own...
I'm cutie Aoi! Nice to meetcha!
BWSH
Hi!
SWSCH
Anyhow...

...what're ya gonna do about yer friend with the glasses?
...little missy...
Hrm!
So y'need an oxygen-rich environment...
If we can get her more oxygen, she should heal faster...
Better wipe it down first... it stinks like *old man* in there.
Oh, uh... we'll help ourselves then...
O2
How about that hyperbaric oxygen capsule?
I use it t'keep me from gettin' older, hoho!
Ibara...

You saved Ibuki—be proud of yourself!
Don't worry about it, Taeko!
...to be a burden... when things are so hectic...
I'm sorry...
...if you're gonna be out of the spotlight, that means I'll be in the action more! So sit tight and rest up!
Yeah, yeah! And...
I see... that... certainly puts me at ease, Aoi.
I...
01
They're done for now. I'm fine!
I know, Dad! Geez!
Birth pangs come in waves, and—
Don't push yourself...
Are you alright, Ibuki?

A plain name for a plain face... but...
Your name's Taeko, right?

Thanks for before! I mean it!
Hiya!

I just acted on instinct...
Oh, I...

My baby and I both owe you our lives.
I can't thank you enough.

Now that we're safe... I'm *starving*.
Urgh...
GRUMBLE

That's just what I wanna hear, Foreman!
I'll make ya a feast!
Alright!
SHOVE
FWMP

CLANK
VMMM
PLEASE MIND THE GAP.

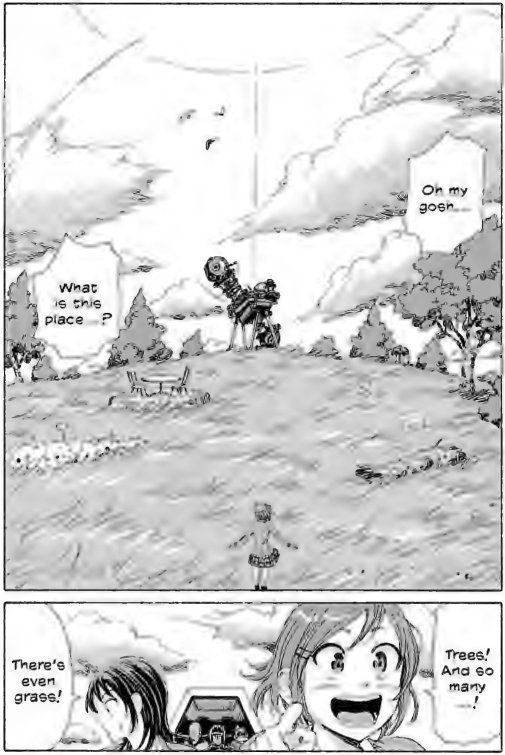
That it does!
And to provide all that electricity, y'need a steady supply of energy!

This place must eat up electricity like nobody's business.
Wow ...

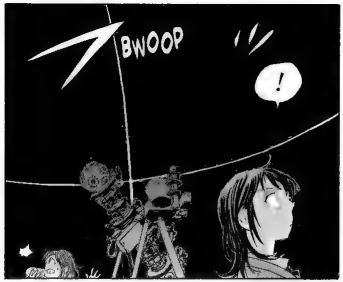
Are you using solar power?

Hydro-power. ...?!
So we use hydropower ta make up for the rest!
Solar power alone isn't enough!
From the Tama River!
We got a little power plant upstream!
Wow... Water's pretty impres-sive!
It's taken 20 years of work, but it's my pride and joy!
We set up power lines from there to here...

!
Hmph... As if you can get a "steady" supply of electricity from water...
It was nuclear power that kept this city going...
Ah...
Never mind!
PSSSH
プシュウウ
PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME, MISS CUTIE AOI.
THIS IS A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL.
WE HAVE ARRIVED.
?!
SWIISH

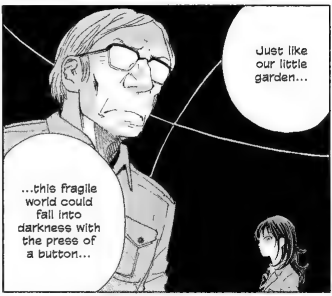

What is this place...?
Oh my goen...
There's even grass!
Trees! And so many!

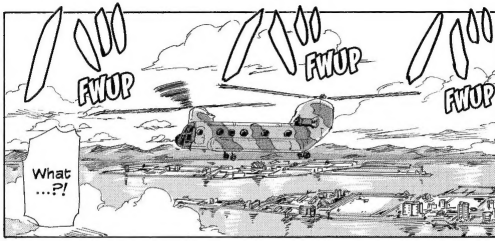
This here was a grand project.
We tried ta fit it all in this little garden.
SWSH
Look!
There're fish in the stream!
SWSH
All of Earth...
No... All of space, too.


BWOOP
!
CLICK
But, y'see...
OFF

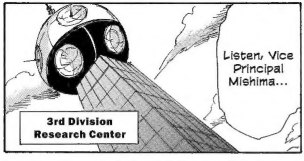
FLASH
Let's get cookin', No-sense!
Now then!
VMM
YES, MASTER GENNAI.

...that the world outside's gone to heck.
It's ironic...
EXIT


Just like our little garden...
...this fragile world could fall into darkness with the press of a button...

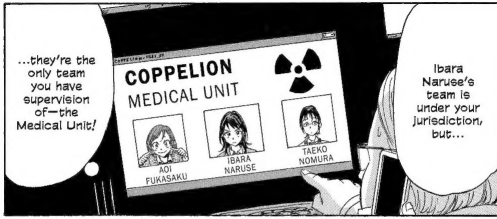

FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
What ...?!

Speak up!
MUNCH
MUNCH
I can't hear you, Muehanokoji!


3rd Division Research Center
Listen, Vice Principal Mishima...

Can you get through to the Cleanup Crew?!

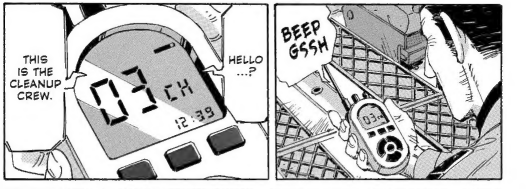
We'd be breaking the law!
This is bad, very bad!

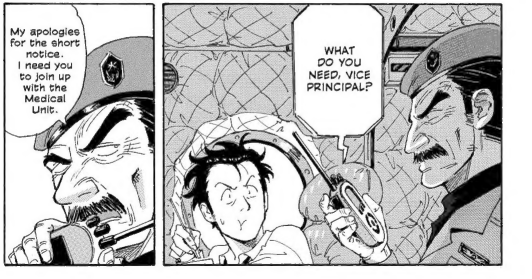

...they're the only team you have supervision of—the Medical Unit!
COPPELION
MEDICAL UNIT
AOI FUKASAKU
IBARA NARUSE
TAEKO NOMURA
Ibara Naruse's team is under your jurisdiction, but...

Even if I tried to, he'd refuse!
I have no time to deal with the Prime Minister!
...you'll have to get the Prime Minister's permission!
If you want to contact any of the other Coppelion...

If you already knew that, then why are you getting me involved...?!
SWSH
...
The Cleanup Crew has their own duties to take care of, after all.
GULP
Do you have any interest in the best sukiyaki that Kyoto has to offer?
Musha-nokoji.

CLOP
!
CLOP
...
I do.
GULP
Do you read me, channel 3 Cleanup Crew?
This is Vice Principal Mishima!
CLOP


THIS IS THE CLEANUP CREW.
03 CH
12:39
HELLO ...?
BEEP GSSH
03


My apologies for the short notice. I need you to join up with the Medical Unit.
WHAT DO YOU NEED, VICE PRINCIPAL?

Represen-
tative
Ibara's
team?
FWUP
FWUP
The
Medical
Unit...

FWUP
安全第一
SAFETY
#1
Copy
that, Vice
Principal.
We'll
head
their way
ASAP.
M-5 END